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1. DURING DCM LUNCHEON APRIL 21, THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF RECENT GDR PRACTICES IN RESOLVING OUTSTANDING HUMANITARIAN CASES. THE GENERAL IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE GDR, IN CONNECTION WITH BELGRADE, APPEAREED TO BE MAKING AN
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EFFORT TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING CASES. SOME WESTERN EMBASSIES. NATIO AS WELL AS NEUTRAL, REPORTED SOME PROGRESS; NONE REPORTED THEY WERE HAVING INCREASED DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.

2. AUSTRIA APPEARS TO HAVE HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF

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CASES RESOLVED RECENTLY. SINCE JANUARY, ABOUT 20 HAVE
BEEN RESOLVED, WITH A DOZEN BEING FAVORABLY ACTED ON IN
THE FIRST HALF OF APRIL. ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRIAN DCM,
HIS EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT LOCAL GDR OFFICIALS HAD
PERSONNALY VISITED GDR APPLICANTS SOME OF WHOM HAD HAD
THEIR APPLICATIONS TURNED DOWN EARLIE, TO TELL THEM THAT
THEIR CASES HAD BEEN REVIEWED FAVORABLY. SOME OF THOSE
WHOSE CASES HAD BEEN RESOLVED WERE ALSO GEHEIMNISTRAEGERS
("SECRET CARRIERS"). ALTHOUGH PELASED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT,
THE AUSTRIAN NOTED THEY ARE STILL ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS
OF TEMPORARY VISITS, BUT HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC.

3. THE DANES REPORTED THEY HAD HAD 4-5 MARRIAGE CASES
RESOLVED RECENTLY, AND THE DUTCH NOTED A LESSENING OF THE
AMOUNT OF TIME INVOLVED IN RESOLVING CASES. THE NORWEDIANS,
WHO HAVE VERY FEW CASES, REPORTED ONE "HARD" CASE RESOLVED
SINCE JANUARY. THE FRG REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN "NO
DETERIORATION" IN THE PROCESSING BY THE GDR OF FAMILY
REUNIFICATON CASES. ATTHE SAME TIME, THERE ARE -- IN
A DIFFERENT CATEGORY -- CONTINUING AND INCREASING PROBLEMS
FOR EX-GDR CITIZENS WHO WISH TO VISIT RELATIVES IN
THE GDR AND FOR GDR CITIZENS WHO HAVE APPLIED TO LEAVE
WHO ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RECEIVE VISITORS FROM THE FRG.
COMMENT: WHILE THE REVIEW OF WESTERN EMBASSIES
WAS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE NE, THE RSESULTS TEND TO
CONFIRM OUR EXPERIENCE AND OUR ASSUMPTION THAT THE
GDR IS MAKING SOME EFFORT TO CLEAR ITS BOOKS BEFORE
BELGRADE.
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